

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An arteriostenosis inspecting apparatus, comprising:

an inflatable cuff which is adapted to be worn on an ankle of a living subject;

a cuff-pressure change device which decreases a pressure in the cuff from a pressure higher than a systolic blood pressure of the ankle;

a distal-pulse-wave detecting device which is adapted to be worn on a distal portion of the subject that is located on a distal side of the ankle and detects a distal pulse wave produced from the distal portion;

an increasing-point detecting means for detecting at least one increasing point where a magnitude of the distal pulse wave continuously detected by the distal-pulse-wave detecting device when the pressure of the cuff is decreased by the cuff-pressure changing device, significantly increases; and

an arteriostenosis judging means for judging that the subject has arteriostenosis, based on a fact that the increasing-point detecting means detects the second increasing point.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The arteriostenosis inspecting apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

~~an inflatable cuff which is adapted to be worn on an ankle of a living subject;~~

~~a cuff pressure changing device which decreases a pressure in the cuff from a pressure higher than a systolic blood pressure of the ankle;~~

~~a distal pulse wave detecting device which is adapted to be worn on a distal portion of the subject that is located on a distal side of the ankle and detects a distal pulse wave produced from the distal portion; and~~

a display device which displays the distal pulse wave continuously detected by the distal-pulse-wave detecting device when the pressure of the cuff is decreased by the cuff-pressure changing device.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) An arteriostenosis inspecting apparatus, comprising:

an inflatable cuff which is adapted to be worn on an ankle of a living subject;

a cuff-pressure changing device which decreases a pressure in the cuff from a pressure higher than a systolic blood pressure of the ankle;

a distal-pulse-wave detecting device which is adapted to be worn on a distal portion of the subject that is located on a distal side of the ankle and detects a distal pulse wave produced from the distal portion;

an increasing-point detecting device which detects at least one increasing point where a magnitude of the distal pulse wave continuously detected by the distal-pulse-wave detecting device when the pressure of the cuff is decreased by the cuff-pressure changing device, significantly increases; and

an arteriostenosis judging device which judges that the subject has arteriostenosis, based on a fact that the increasing-point detecting device detects the second increasing point.

6-7. (Canceled)